

**APPROVED MINUTES\***  
**ONIZUKA LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008**  
(held immediately following the Council Meeting)

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Authority Chair Ron Swegles  
Authority Vice Chair John Howe  
Agency Member Anthony Spitaleri  
Authority Member Melinda Hamilton  
Authority Member Christopher Moylan  
Authority Member David Whittum

**ABSENT:**

Authority Member Otto Lee (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Authority Executive Director Gary Luebbers  
Assistant City Manager Robert Walker  
Authority Counsel David Kahn  
Authority Secretary/Director of Community Development Hanson  
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Base Realignment and Closure Project Manager Robert Switzer  
Authority Clerk Gail Borkowski

**STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2. LRA 08-006 Adoption of the Onizuka Air Force Station (AFS) Redevelopment Plan and Homeless Assistance Submission**

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Project Manager Robert Switzer presented the staff report.

Public hearing opened at 10:39 p.m.

Mark Balestra, President of Sunnyvale Automobile Dealers Association, stated the association endorses adoption of the preferred reuse plan. Balestra spoke in support of the redevelopment plan and benefits of the location for an auto center.

Public hearing closed at 10:41 p.m.

MOTION: Authority Vice Chair Howe moved and Authority Member Hamilton seconded to approve Alternatives 1 and 2:

Alternative 1: Authority adopts and directs staff to submit to the Department of the Air Force (AF) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the attached Onizuka AFS redevelopment plan including:

A. A Preferred Land Use:

Auto center (Attachment A)

B. A Conveyance Recommendation:

Economic Development Conveyance of the Onizuka property to the Local Redevelopment Agency (LRA) by the Air Force (AF) (Attachment A). Authority directs staff to prepare a grant request for Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for funding to develop a business plan and related activities, as required to prepare for an Economic Development Conveyance of Onizuka Air Force Station (AFS) to the LRA.

Alternative 2: Authority adopts and directs staff to submit to the AF and Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a Homeless Assistance Submission (Attachment B) with the legally binding agreement to accommodate the homeless.

Authority Member Hamilton explained that over the past two years, this process has included numerous occasions for public hearings and in addition a citizen's advisory committee was formed which brought forward a tremendous amount of input from the surrounding community. This has been an open and straightforward process.

Authority Member Whittum stated he does not believe an auto center is the correct land use for this site.

Authority Member Hamilton stated an auto center is not her first choice; however, she will support the motion.

Authority Chair Swegles explained that an auto center was what the recommendation from the Citizens Advisory Committee and although there may have been other choices, this was the decision from the residents of Sunnyvale.

VOTE: 4-2 (Authority Members Whittum and Moylan dissented, and Authority Member Lee absent)

Authority Chair Swegles stated Authority Member Lee is excused from the meeting this evening in preparation for his being deployed overseas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Authority Chair Swegles adjourned the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority Meeting at 10:48 p.m.

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Kathleen Franco Simmons  
Authority Clerk

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Date